(b) if so, the action taken against the Coach Attendants and Ticket Collectors who allow unauthorised persons to enter and sell food items at very high rates inside the coaches; and

(c) the action to ban unauthorised vendors in Railway Coaches, specially in A.C. coaches ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) to (c) No, Sir, However, regular checks are conducted by Commercial and Vigilance departments in association with police to prevent unauthorised persons/vendors entering into reserved coaches including A.C. compartments. Persons/Vendors so detected are prosecuted under the relevant provisions of law. Railways staff found conniving are taken up under Discipline & Appeal rules.

Extension of Mumbai Metro Service

†4388. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the length of the route in Kilometers in respect of Metro train which is being run in Mumbai under Metropolitan Citizen Transport System;

(b) whether the Metro train service would be extended further; if so, the areas, where it would be extended;

(c) whether Government have granted permission for hundred per cent foreign investment in metropolitan transport system; and

(d) if so, whether some domestic and foreign companies have submitted proposals to undertake or extend the Metro train service in other cities or metropolitan cities, including Mumbai ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) No Metro train is being run in Mumbai under Metropolitan Citizen Transport System.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.